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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The following references have been cited in the International Phase of the above-identified application.

- WO 03/068456 discloses a structure of improved pneumatic gripper assemblies. The reference has been cited under Categories P and X as being relevant to International claims 1 and 6.

- U.S. Patent 4,752,094 discloses a robot gripper or hand device. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claim 1 and further cited under Category A as being relevant to International claim 2.

- U.S. Patent 6,290,210 discloses a clamping and lifting mechanism. The reference has been cited under Category X as being relevant to International claim 1.

- U.S. Patent 3,737,157 discloses a clamping device. The reference has been cited

under Category A as being relevant to International claim 1.

- EP 0 619 166 discloses a pneumatically actuated gripping device. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claim 1.

- DE 198 45 576 discloses a device for centering clamping of workpieces. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claim 1. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

- JP 6-278859 discloses an object grasping device. The reference has been cited under Category A as being relevant to International claim 3. No full translation is available at this time, however, attached is an English language abstract.

Consideration of the references is requested.

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	<u>4,752,094</u>	<u>June 21, 1988</u>	<u>Tabeau</u>			<u>Nov. 4, 1986</u>
	<u>6,290,210</u>	<u>Sept. 18, 2001</u>	<u>Horn et al.</u>			<u>June 1, 1999</u>
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	<u>WO 03/068456</u>	<u>Aug. 21, 2003</u>	<u>International</u>			<u>Yes</u>
	<u>EP 0 619 166</u>	<u>Oct. 12, 1994</u>	<u>Europe</u>			<u>Yes</u>
	<u>DE 198 45 576</u>	<u>Jan. 5, 2000</u>	<u>Germany</u>			<u>No</u>
	<u>JP6278859</u>	<u>Oct. 4, 1994</u>	<u>Japan</u>			<u>No</u>

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